

The invention claimed is:

1. A system for delivering context-based service to a vehicle, said system comprising:
  - a plurality of context advisors each providing a source of information for a designated category;
  - a plurality of service agents, wherein the service agents perform context-information filtering based on a requested service; and
  - an interface for interfacing with an onboard device on a vehicle, wherein the context advisors perform information collection, and the service agents employ the collected information to acquire and store pertinent information.
2. The system as defined in claim 1, wherein the plurality of context advisors include a vehicle context advisor, an environmental context advisor, and a personal context advisor.
3. The system as defined in claim 2, wherein the plurality of context advisors further comprises an off-board services advisor.
4. The system as defined in claim 1, wherein the context advisors perform preemptive information collection pertaining to passenger information.
5. The system as defined in claim 1 further comprising a storage device for storing the pertinent information, wherein the pertinent information is made available for delivery to a user.
6. The system as defined in claim 1, wherein the plurality of service agents comprises a travel agent, an entertainment agent, and a personal information management agent.
7. The system as defined in claim 1, wherein the interface interfaces with at least one of a portable device and at least one of a vehicle centric device.
8. A method of delivering context-based service to a vehicle, said method comprising the steps of:
  - collecting information from a plurality of context advisors;
  - receiving a service request;

performing context-information filtering based on the service requested; acquiring pertinent information from the collected information; storing the pertinent information in memory; and delivering up-to-date information and services to a vehicle.

9. The method as defined in claim 8 further comprising the step of performing a function based on the service requested from a user.

10. The method as defined in claim 8, wherein the step of collecting information from a plurality of context advisors includes collecting information from a vehicle context advisor, an environmental context advisor, and a personal context advisor.

11. The method as defined in claim 10 further comprising the step of collecting information from an off-board service advisor.

12. The method as defined in claim 8, wherein the step of collecting information comprises performing preemptive information collection pertaining to passenger information.

13. The method as defined in claim 8, wherein the step of performing context-information filtering comprises implementing a service agent comprising at least one of a travel agent, an entertainment agent, and a personal information management agent.

14. The method as defined in claim 8, wherein the step of delivering the up-to-date information and services to user comprises delivering the information to at least one of a portable device and a vehicle centric device.